

# BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

## MESSAGE THEME

The Gravity of Sin: What They Did to Get Us Here

## PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for being faithful and reliable. You always adhere to Your commands and speak the truth. I'm grateful You never go back on Your Word. When You died on the cross for my sins, You paid a debt I could never hope to repay. Thank You for thinking of me when You destroyed the enemy. I ask for Your guidance and support. Thank You for Christ's examples of what to do when I stand up to the enemy and keep him under my feet. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## KEY TRUTHS

The Gospel is what Jesus did in His death, burial, and resurrection. This is, in and of itself, the power of Christ. If we believe in it, the power released at those events becomes available to us.

God created man and woman in His image to have dominion over the earth and all its creatures. Everything was under their authority. When the enemy came, he didn't come with power; he came as a helpless serpent to deceive. God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree and warned them that if they did, they would surely die. But the Devil told Eve the opposite. Satan attacked the integrity of God's Word. Adam and Eve gave dominion to the enemy when they broke God's rules in Eden. When they partook of the fruit, they didn't physically perish, but it took a toll on their relationship with God. Everything changed after that. Later, when

Jesus was walking in the desert, the enemy came to tempt Him and offer Him the dominion he gained from Adam and Eve. Jesus responded by directly quoting the Word of God.

Jesus demonstrated that to withstand Satan's demonic power, we must use God's Word as our weapon. When we know our identity in Christ and resist the enemy, he will flee from us. We must learn to resist the Devil by listening to and meditating on God's Word. One thing God cannot do is break His Word, which means we can rely on it.

Adam represented humanity in the Garden of Eden when he fell from grace by disobeying God. Jesus Christ represented humanity when He went to the grave with all our sins and defeated the Devil and death itself. Our debt has been paid, and we are now considered children of God with the same inheritance as Jesus Himself.

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2)

We can start by identifying negative thought patterns or beliefs and comparing them with what the Bible says. For example, if we feel hopeless or defeated, we can remind ourselves that, with God, all things are possible. We can also focus on the good things God gave us, even under challenging circumstances. Instead of being angry or bitter towards God, we can trust Him and believe He is working all things together for good.

## **REFERENCE VERSES**

- Romans 1:16, 12:2, 3:25-26, 5:12, 10:13
- Matthew 6:9-13
- 1 John 3:8, 5:19
- Genesis 3:1-6, 1:26-27
- Psalms 8:4-6, 119:97-105
- Luke 4:5-8
- Ephesians 6:12&16
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Mark 4:24
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Colossians 1:13
- Hebrews 2:14-15
- John 10:10
- James 1:16-17
- Acts 10:38
- Isaiah 14:17
- 1 Timothy 2:2-4

## **DECLARATIONS**

It's because of Christ alone I can live in freedom.  
I want to live a life following Christ and living to please Him.  
I have forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.  
I have power and authority over the enemy, and when I resist him, he will flee.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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